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PALMETTO STATE PARADE OF PREACHING AND SINGING 2003

Preaching and singing amid fellowship and eating will be the order of the day as SC/CBF marches into three churches for another round of the Palmetto State Parade of Preaching and Singing.

Greenville, York and Estill are the sites of this year's Parade on Sept. 15, 16, and 18. Each event starts with fellowship at 3:30 followed by sermons from five different preachers, a keynote address, and plenty of singing led by different musicians in between, all to end by about 8:30 each night.

Supper is included at each meeting at a cost of \$7.50. No reservations are required.

The Parade of Preaching and Singing has been a regular, though not annual, event sponsored by SC/CBF. This year's Parade is being organized by the Mem-

bership Committee. "I believe it has been two years or so since the last one," said Jamie Norris, co-chair of the committee and pastor of Lawtonville Baptist Church



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in Estill, site of one of the events.

"I view its purpose as twofold," said Norris. "It gives CBF-friendly laity and clergy a chance to get to know our neighbors and friends in the various

regions of the state. Just being together for these worship experiences and the fellowship around the table at the meals is a healthy thing."

"Secondly, the events allow us to get to know who the other preachers and church musicians in our areas are," he said. "Some folks may get to know a potential revival or renewal event speaker or musician at the Parade."

"When we bring in some of our finest preachers to visit these different congregations we are following a very New Testament model, much as the apostles visited churches throughout Asia Minor to bring a word of exhortation," said SC/CBF Moderator Laurie Berry. "When the Parade of Preaching brings this shared experience to churches from the low country to the upstate, it reminds us that our churches don't exist in isolation from each other, but are part of an extended network of other congregations that form the body of Christ."

"This year our committee has made an intentional decision to highlight many of the female clergy who are very capable proclaimers of the gospel message but whose gifts are often unknown except in their local churches or ministry context," Norris said. "The same may be said for those who serve as musicians among us."

"At the same time we have invited a number of the gifted male preachers to speak so there is balance in the program in all three regional meetings," he said.

The full schedule of the Parade of Preaching and Singing is on page 2.



Darius Smith, 13, was one of the students lucky enough to attend Unidiversity, a week-long summer camp for youth, with a group from Kathwood Baptist Church in Columbia. Since he was in the third grade, Darius has been mentored by Laurie Berry, who also happens to be moderator of SC/CBF. Darius is an eighth grader and member of the Kathwood youth group. More photos from Unidiversity are on page 3, as is Laurie's column about a place that specializes in chocolates and lace.

FESTIVAL



BY THE SEA

March 26-28, 2004

Springmaid Beach Resort
in Myrtle Beach

Who's Invited?

Youth Choirs (Junior High, Middle School, and High School) from any interested church.

Registration limited to 300.

Go to www.cbfofsc.org for information.

PALMETTO STATE PARADE OF PREACHING AND SINGING 2003

Monday September 15 Greenville	Tuesday September 16 York	Thursday September 18 Estill
Augusta Heights Baptist Church Chapel	First Baptist Church York Sanctuary	Lawtonville Baptist Church Sanctuary
<p>3:30-4 p.m. — Fellowship</p> <p>4-4:10 p.m. — Welcome by Diane Buie, First Baptist Church, Easley</p> <p>4:10-4:20 p.m. — Music led by Adair Rogers, First Baptist Church, Laurens</p> <p>4:20-4:45 p.m. — First Preacher: Tiffany Hamilton, First Baptist Church, Clemson</p> <p>4:45-4:55 p.m. — Music led by Adair Rogers, First Baptist Church, Laurens</p> <p>4:55-5:20 p.m. — Second Preacher: Tony Hopkins, First Baptist Church, Greenwood</p> <p>5:20-5:30 p.m. — Music led by Sam Coates, Pelham Road Baptist Church, Greenville</p> <p>5:30-5:55 p.m. — Third Preacher: Cheryl Adamson, Chaplain and New Church Starter, Conway</p> <p>5:55-6:05 p.m. — Music led by Sam Coates, Pelham Road Baptist Church, Greenville</p> <p>6:05-6:30 p.m. — Fourth Preacher: Gina Brock, First Baptist Church, Greenville</p> <p>6:30-7:15 p.m. — Supper</p> <p>7:15-7:25p.m. — Music led by Eddie Fort, First Baptist Church, Belton</p> <p>7:25-7:50 p.m. — Fifth Preacher: David Brown, Parisview Baptist Church, Greenville</p> <p>7:50-8:00 p.m. — Music led by Eddie Fort, Belton</p> <p>8:00-8:25 p.m. — Keynote: Tonya Vickery, Cullowhee Baptist Church, Cullowhee, NC</p>	<p>3:30-4 p.m. — Fellowship</p> <p>4-4:10 p.m. — Welcome Christy McMillin-Goodwin, Oakland Baptist Church, Rock Hill</p> <p>4:10-4:20 p.m. — Music led by Roy Barnes, First Baptist Church, Lancaster</p> <p>4:20-4:45 p.m. — First Preacher: Shirley Luckadoo, First Baptist Church of Westgate, Spartanburg</p> <p>4:45-4:55 p.m. — Music led by Roy Barnes, First Baptist Church, Lancaster</p> <p>4:55-5:20 p.m. — Second Preacher: Barry Wright, Greater Harbison Community Church, Columbia</p> <p>5:20-5:30 p.m. — Music led by Wanda Ashworth, First Baptist Church, York</p> <p>5:30-5:55 p.m. — Third Preacher: Kelly Belcher, Fernwood Baptist Church, Spartanburg</p> <p>5:55-6:05 p.m. — Music led by Wanda Ashworth, First Baptist Church, York</p> <p>6:05-6:30 p.m. — Fourth Preacher: Nadja Croft, CBF of SC Intern, First Baptist Church, Orangeburg</p> <p>6:30-7:15 p.m. — Supper</p> <p>7:15-7:25 p.m. — Music led by Katie Fam, Kathwood Baptist Church, Columbia</p> <p>7:25-7:50 p.m. — Fifth Preacher: Rob O'Neal, First Baptist Church, Lancaster</p> <p>7:50-8:00 p.m. — Music led by Katie Fam, Kathwood Baptist Church, Columbia</p> <p>8:00-8:25 p.m. — Keynote: Joy Heaton, Antioch Baptist Church, Enfield, NC</p>	<p>3:30-4 p.m. — Fellowship</p> <p>4-4:10 p.m. — Welcome Kristen Andreason, Lawtonville Baptist Church, Estill</p> <p>4:10-4:20p.m. — Music led by Pam Blankenship, First Baptist Church, Blackville</p> <p>4:20-4:45 p.m. — First Preacher: Ginger Barfield, Kathwood Baptist Church, Columbia</p> <p>4:45-4:55 p.m. — Music led by Pam Blankenship, First Baptist Church, Blackville</p> <p>4:55-5:20 p.m. — Second Preacher: Jay Kieve, First Baptist Church, Allendale</p> <p>5:20-5:30 p.m. — Music led by Melanie Williams, The Baptist Church of Beaufort</p> <p>5:30-5:55 p.m. — Third Preacher: Evelyn Oliveira, SC/CBF Urban Minister and member of St. Matthew Baptist Church, North Charleston</p> <p>5:55-6:05 p.m. — Music led by Melanie Williams, The Baptist Church of Beaufort</p> <p>6:05-6:30 p.m. — Fourth Preacher: Sheree Jones, First Baptist Church, Aiken</p> <p>6:30-7:15 p.m. — Supper</p> <p>7:15-7:25 p.m. — Music led by Linda McClain, Grays Hill Baptist Church, Beaufort</p> <p>7:25-7:50 p.m. — Fifth Preacher: David Holland, Tidal Creek Fellowship, Ladys Island</p> <p>7:50-8:00p.m. — Music led by One Voice! Men's Quartet, Beaufort</p> <p>8:00-8:25 p.m. — Keynote: Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Memorial Baptist Church, Savannah, GA</p>
Host Pastors: Pat Kirkbride and Howard Wimmer	Host Pastor: Randy Gardner	Host Pastor: Jamie Norris



Despite the chocolates & lace, a tough mission field faces SC/CBF delegation

Even as you read this, a delegation from SC/CBF is traveling to one of the toughest mission fields in the world. Let's unpack that phrase, "one of the toughest mission fields in the world." What images come to mind? Slogging through a rainforest to a remote mountain outpost? Bearing witness for Christ under an oppressive regime? Ministering in the slums and shantytowns of the world's megacities? Whatever your images, chances are you did not imagine Belgium, the land of chocolates and lace, placid farmlands, canals, and quaint village churches. But Belgium is part of the modern, "post-Christian" Europe. Today only 5-6% of Europeans acknowledge **any** ties to a church tradition; in Belgium, less than 1% of the population claims evangelical Christianity. Last summer, one of the singers in the Belgian Christian group Koinonia revealed that she was the only Christian in her high school – not in her class, or her grade, but in her entire school. Baptists in Belgium are often viewed with suspicion as some sort of cult group. It's easy for Baptist Christians to become discouraged and wonder if the rest of the world remembers them and their tough mission field.

This week, SC/CBF will be there to show that we remember. Jack Couch of Clearview, David Deming of Brunson and Hickory Grove, and Harry and Lana Rowland of The Baptist Church of Beaufort are in Belgium for a week of meeting with leaders in the Belgium Baptist Union and exploring ways to develop the partnership with SC/CBF.

Please join with SC/CBF in prayer for this delegation as they travel, that they will have eyes to see, ears to listen, and hearts to learn from our Belgian brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray also for the SC/CBF missions committee as it works to strengthen the partnership between South Carolina and the Belgium Baptist Union, so that together we can reach a "post-Christian" culture for Christ.



"One of the things that I think our trip will do is to communicate to this struggling body of Christians that they are important to another body of Christians. If we indicate that we want to share in their hardships, then we will bring them encouragement."

— Jack Couch

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE
By Laurie Berry, Columbia



CHURCH STARTS IN COLUMBIA

Four meetings scheduled to discuss possible new work

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina will host a series of meetings in the Columbia area to discuss possible new church starts. Phil Hester, Associate Coordinator for Church Starts for the CBF Resource Center in Atlanta, will lead the sessions.

The schedule:

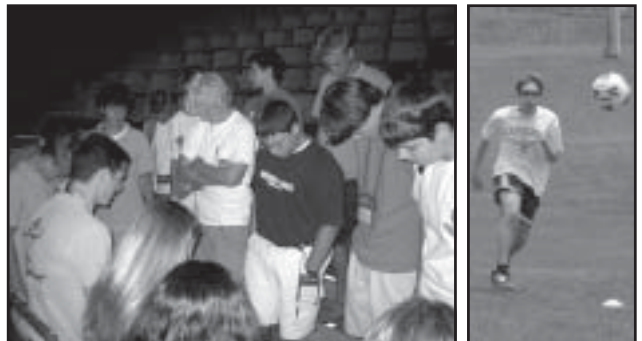
Sept. 22: The American Legion Building, American Legion Road, Lexington, 7:00 - 9:30 pm.

Sept. 23: Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Blythewood, The Blythewood Room, 120 Creech Road, Blythewood, 7:00 - 9:30 pm.

Sept. 25: Irmo Courthouse, 7300 Woodrow St., Irmo, 7:00 - 9:30 pm.

These three meetings are open to anyone interested in a new church start in their area.

The fourth meeting will be held on Sept. 24 with the planning committee that is already established for Greater Harbison Community Church.



UNIVERSITY 2003

Worship, singing and fun were part of Unidiversity 2003 held this year at Western Carolina University, July 7-12. Participating South Carolina churches included FBC Aiken, FBC Anderson, FBC Greenville, FBC Orangeburg, Kathwood in Columbia, Oakland in Rock Hill, and Fernwood in Spartanburg. Kyle Matthews, pictured above at the piano, was one of the musicians. He grew up in FBC Greenville.



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Metanoia: The Kingdom of God on moving day

By now many of you have heard that a year of listening and building relationships in North Charleston has culminated in the Metanoia Young Leaders Program (MYLP).

The program represents a partnership among Chicora Elementary School, St. Matthew Baptist Church and Metanoia. Chicora works with us to identify potential leaders at the school. St. Matthew provides volunteers and space at a much reduced cost. And Metanoia sets up and carries out the programming.

MYLP will give students a safe and positive place to spend time after school every weekday. The program began Aug. 25, and already I could write about countless ways God has been at work. Here's one.

After a unanimous St.

Matthew vote to house the Young Leaders program, only one real obstacle remained — moving — in Charleston in August. Ugh! Our office was just across the street from the church and so moving would require renting a truck, putting out the word for help and then undertaking the dreaded task of lugging stuff up three flights of stairs to our new home.



By Bill Stanfield
SC/CBF Urban Minister
Charleston

white, wealthy and not so wealthy working together to get a truck load of stuff up three flights of steps to its new home.

That's when it happened. The Kingdom of God arrived. Not with thunderbolts and rumblings, but with laughter and new friendships. Suddenly, a group of people between whom society has put all kinds of barriers found that the God who

unites them is stronger than the powers that divide them.

I firmly believe that Jesus' way of missions is to show people how much better the Kingdom of God is than what they've currently got, so that God's way becomes a rather obvious choice.

In a really great moment of grace, the kingdom broke out somewhere between the first and last trip up those St. Matthew steps and most of us left more alive than we were earlier in the day — even though our legs were exhausted and our backs ached.

Thanks to all those who helped.

Check out more about the Young Leaders program and Metanoia on the SC/CBF website, www.cbfosc.org.

Fall

CONVOCATION

November 10 • St. Andrews Baptist Church, Columbia • **James Dunn**, former executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and now a professor at Wake Forest University Divinity School, will address historic Baptist Principles • **Brenda Kneece**, executive director of the South Carolina Christian Action Council, will address interfaith dialogue and initiatives • Breakout sessions • Fellowship • Meal